

## IN AN OPEN BOAT AT SEA.

### THE SCHOONER ISLE OF JUNE WRECKED AMONG THE BAHAMAS.

The schooner Isle of June, which arrived from Nassau Sunday evening, brought as passengers Capt. Anderson and the entire crew of the schooner George B. Douglass, which was lost among the Bahamas on Oct. 29. The Douglass sailed from Routan, British Honduras, for this port with a cargo of cocoanuts about Oct. 10. On Oct. 26 she was caught in a heavy storm and sprang a dangerous leak. Capt. Anderson headed toward Nassau with the intention of putting in there for repairs. The leak gained rapidly, however, although the pumps were kept going constantly. During the afternoon of Oct. 29, when the schooner was off the island of Abaco, it became evident that she could not keep afloat much longer. It was considerably more than 100 miles to Nassau, and the wind was not favorable. A boat was lowered and water and provisions, together with the effects of the crew—six men in all—were placed in the boat. At 9 o'clock the vessel appeared about to sink, and Capt. Anderson and his men hurriedly entered their boat.

Shortly after they had pushed away from the schooner she gave a lurch to one side and then disappeared. Soon afterward it became squally, and the sea grew rough. A heavy wave boarded the boat and nearly swamped her, and in order to lighten her the men threw overboard their effects. During the remainder of the night the sea continued rough, and the boat had to be frequently bailed out. At daybreak there was no vessel in sight, but the sea was somewhat smoother.

The boat kept on toward Nassau, and during the afternoon, when off Gorda Cay, a coasting sloop came along. Her Captain consented to take the boat in tow, and on the following day the crew of the Douglass arrived at a small port, and on Nov. 3 they landed at Nassau. Two fishing schooners afterward went out to the wreck, the masts of which were standing out of water, and a quantity of wreckage was saved by them.

The George B. Douglass was owned by William Douglass, of this city, and measured 124 tons. She was built at Essex, Me., six years ago, and has been used almost entirely in the fruit trade.

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